

This record is a partial extract of the original cable. The full text of the original cable is not available.

S E C R E T MUSCAT 000683

SIPDIS

NOFORN

DEPT FOR DS/IP/NEA, DS/IP/ITA, DS/DSS/CC, CA/OCS, NEA/EX,
NEA/ARPI
DEPT ALSO FOR DS/DSS/OSAC, DS/ICI/CI, DS/OPO/FPD, DS/ICI/PII

E.O. 12958: DECL: 1.6X1

TAGS: [AEMR](#) [ASEC](#) [AMGT](#) [PTER](#) [CASC](#) [KHLS](#) [MU](#) [EAC](#)

SUBJECT: EMBASSY MUSCAT EAC - 04/24/2005

REF: A. MUSCAT 0662

1B. MUSCAT 0648

Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission William R. Stewart.
Reason: 1.4(c).

Summary

11. (SBU) The Ambassador chaired a meeting of the Emergency Action Committee (EAC) April 24 to review the Embassy's security posture following the local holiday weekend. Members noted no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting. Accordingly, the EAC agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. End Summary.

Security Situation

12. (SBU) On April 24, the Ambassador chaired a meeting of the full EAC to review the Embassy's security posture following the local holiday weekend. The meeting opened with a discussion of the local security situation, which the EAC continued to characterize as stable. Likewise, the EAC noted no/no new threat reporting specific to Oman. Members cited no security incidents among their staffs or family members over the weekend, while CONS confirmed that there were no reported security incidents or security-related queries from the private American citizen community.

TAISM Surveillance Incident

13. (SBU) The EAC also reviewed the status of the Royal Oman Police's (ROP) investigation into the April 18 surveillance incident which occurred at The American International School of Muscat (reftels A and B). RSO noted that he will meet with the ROP's Director General of Operations on April 25 to discuss progress on the case. On a related note, RSO confirmed that his office will discuss local security concerns, e.g., the need to recognize and report suspected surveillance, with the six non-Department sponsored schools attended by American citizen students. RSO staff will be visiting the six schools in conjunction with Phase III of the Overseas Schools Security Program. (CT13-0405-328-0782)

Sustained Vigilance

14. (SBU) Prior to concluding the meeting, RSO reiterated that, despite the relative calm, members of the EAC must continue reinforcing to both their staffs and family members the need for vigilance regarding all aspects of personal security - to include maintaining a low profile and remaining unpredictable. RSO further re-emphasized the importance of immediately reporting all suspicious activity or security-related incidents to Post One.

EAC Conclusion

15. (S/NF) The EAC concluded that there have been no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting held on March 20 (reftel A). Accordingly, members agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. Embassy Muscat remains acutely aware of the need to monitor both the regional and local security and threat environments, and is prepared to take the necessary countermeasures should changes to either occur. ABM, DCM, MGT, RSO, ARSO, RMAS, PAO, CONS, MSG, DAO, OMC (USDR), and ECA (USCENTAF) participated in the meeting.
BALTIMORE